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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of March 20, 2003, Applicants elect to prosecute Group II: Claims 46-73 in the above-identified application.

Applicants are making this election without prejudice to later filing a divisional application on the non-elected claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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